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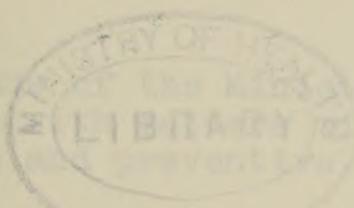
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

In accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act, we are bringing before the Council our responsibility for the public health of the area.



SANITARY INSPECTOR

Area (in acres) ...
Registrar General's Estimated Mid-year Population ...
Number of Inhabited Households ...
Estimated Value ...
Our representation by a Sanitary Inspector ...

YEAR ENDING

31st. DECEMBER, 1954.

MELTON MOWBRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

SANITARY INSPECTOR

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Madam Chairman, and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, we deal briefly in this Report with matters within our responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine :-

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,699
Registrar General's Estimated Mid-Year Home Population	14,350						
Number of Inhabited Houses ...	...	...	...	...	...	3,863	
Rateable Value ...	...	...	...	...	...	£ 88,786	
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£ 344	

VITAL STATISTICS.

		<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
<u>Live Births:</u>	Legitimate ...	113	113	226
	Illegitimate ..	8	-	8
		—	—	—
		121	113	234
		==	==	==
<u>Still Births:</u>	Legitimate ...	5	5	10
	Illegitimate ..	-	1	1
		—	—	—
		5	6	11
		==	==	==

1953 1954

Birth Rate per 1000 Population ...	16.8	16.0
Birth Rate for England and Wales ..	15.5	15.2

Vital Statistics (Continued):

			<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
<u>Number of Deaths:</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>57</u>
					<u>142</u>
				<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Death Rate per 1000 Population		<u>14.4</u>	<u>10.3</u>
Death Rate for England and Wales		<u>11.4</u>	<u>11.3</u>

Deaths of Infants under
One Year of Age:

Males. Females. Totals.

Legitimate	...	...	6	3	9
Illegitimate	..	..	-	-	-

1953 1954

Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births.	<u>24.6</u>	<u>38.5</u>
Infant Mortality Rate for England & Wales.	<u>26.8</u>	<u>25.5</u>

The Statistics in general can be regarded as satisfactory, the Death Rate comparing favourably with the figure for England and Wales, and showing a reduction from the District Rate for 1953

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Males. Females.

Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach.	5	2
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung.	3	-
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast.	-	5
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus.	-	1
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms.	11	5
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.	6	7
Coronary Disease.	20	6
Heart Diseases.	10	11
Other Circulatory Disease.	7	5
Pneumonia.	-	3
Bronchitis.	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.	1	-
Nephritis or Nephrosis.	1	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate.	3	-
Congenital Malformations.	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	11	7
Motor vehicle accidents.	3	-
All other accidents.	1	1
	—	—
	85	57
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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

John Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Camb.).

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

H. Buxton, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

Chief Sanitary Inspector and Meat & Food Inspector.

S.J. Mayo, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspector. (to 31st October, 1954)

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The following examinations were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester :-

Throat and nose swabs...	...	...	426
Faeces and urine	...	...	190
Blood	...	...	8
Pleural fluid	...	...	6
Sputa	...	...	188
Vaginal & cervical swabs	...	...	5
Waters	...	...	13
Miscellaneous specimens	...	...	54
			890

The good co-operation with the Public Health Laboratory Service has again continued during the year and the assistance given has been of great value.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES.

(1) Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1953.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Cases Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	6	2	-
Pneumonia.	42	6	3
Whooping Cough.	13	-	-
Measles.	1	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis. (Paralytic)	1	1	-
Dysentery.	1	1	-
Erysipelas.	5	2	-
	69	12	3

Age Groups.

Disease	Under	1	2	3	4	5 9	$\frac{10}{14}$	$\frac{15}{24}$	$\frac{25}{34}$	$\frac{35}{44}$	$\frac{45}{64}$	65 and Over	TOTAL.
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	6	
Pneumonia	2	-	2	4	2	5	-	2	4	1	10	10	42
Whooping Cough	5	1	-	1	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	13
Measles	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	5
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic).	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	8	1	2	5	5	12	2	2	4	3	12	13	69

There was no outbreak of a serious infectious disease during the year. Once again it is pleasing to report the absence of Liphtheria and it is now over eight years since a case was notified.

(2) Tuberculosis.

Age Groups	New Cases			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
1 - 4	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	1	-
15 - 24	1	2	-	-
25 - 34	1	1	-	-
35 - 44	1	1	-	-
45 - 54	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	4	1	-

No deaths from this disease occurred during the year.

Number of cases on Register at 31st. December, 1954.

		Males.	Females.
Pulmonary	...	35	39
Non-Pulmonary	..	5	9
		—	—
		40	48
		—	—

(3) Diphtheria Immunisation.

Details supplied by the Local Health Authority show that during the year 1954, 134 children under five years of age were immunised against diphtheria and 109 children aged four to fifteen years were given a "booster dose".

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(1) WATER SUPPLY.

Number of Samples taken for Analysis:

(a) from piped supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
(b) from wells	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Five samples of water for bacteriological examination and seven samples for chemical analysis from the piped supply after treatment were all satisfactory. The reports obtained show that the water supply was satisfactory as regards quality, and no serious shortage was experienced.

(2) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Number of Cesspools in District at end of 1954: 6

No new cesspools were constructed during the year.

(3) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total Number in District at end of 1954:

(a) Pail Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
(b) Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,600

One pail closet was converted to the water carriage system during the year.

(4) PUBLIC CLEANSING.

House refuse is collected by direct labour for disposal at the Destructor Works and at the Controlled Tip, and as far as possible, a weekly collection was maintained throughout the area.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report :-

Total Number of Complaints received ..	...	...	...	165
Total Number of Premises at which Defects or Nuisances were dealt with...	...	...	...	254

INSPECTIONS.

<u>Nature of Inspections.</u>	<u>Number of Inspections.</u>
Dwellinghouses (all purposes)	1,042
Animal Keeping	20
Bakehouses	25
Dairies	19
Drainage Works	52
Food Premises	306
Refuse Collection and Disposal... ...	10
Rodent Control	410
Schools	6
Shops...	68
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection	574
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.,	18
Verminous Premises	10
Water Supplies	10
Factories	26
Other Inspections..	86
	2,682

NOTICES.

Housing. Other.

(1) Preliminary:

Outstanding on 1st. January	12	14
Issued during the Year	37	48
Complied with during the Year... ...	40	52
Statutory Action necessary	12	1
Outstanding at 31st. December	9	10

(II) Statutory:

Issued during the Year	12	1
Complied with during the Year	10	1
Outstanding at 31st. December	2	Nil

SHOPS.

Action taken under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1950:

Eight defects were found relating to sanitary convenience and washing facilities, and seven were remedied during the year.

REGULATED BUILDINGS.

Common Lodging Houses:

There was one registered Common Lodging House in the District, but in view of the general unsatisfactory condition of the building and lack of facilities, the registration was not renewed.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

(a) Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health:

	<u>No. cn Register</u>	<u>Inspec- tions</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Owners Prosecuted.</u>
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	24	8	-	-
(II) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	75	14	-	-
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	4	4	-	-
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	103	26	-	-
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(b) Cases in which Defects were Found:

	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector.</u>
Want of Cleanliness ...	3	3	-
Sanitary Conveniences:			
(1) Insufficient.	-	-	-
(2) Unsuitable or Defective.	4	4	2
(3) Not separate for Sexes	-	-	-
	—	—	—
	7	7	2
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(c) Outwork:

There were no instances during the year of outwork in unwholesome premises.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

(a) Publicly Owned:

One Children's Open Air Swimming Pool, owned by the Town Estate, where the water is treated by chlorination with controlled dosage.

(b) Privately Owned:

Nil.

THE PET ANIMALS ACT.

No. of premises licensed..... 4

RODENT CONTROL:

After pre-bait testing, two maintenance treatments were carried out during the year to destroy rats in those main sewers found to be infested, with very satisfactory results.

Minor rat infestations at the Destructor Works, Salvage Depot, Sewage Disposal Works, Cattle Market and the Controlled Refuse Tip have been dealt with, also minor rats or mice infestations which were reported or discovered at four business premises and sixty-nine private premises, and surveys were carried out in conjunction with these infestations.

HOUSING.

A. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year:

- (a) (i) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.....181
- (ii) Number of Inspections made for the purpose.....298
- (b) Number of Dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 25

B. Repairs - Informal Action.

Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit as a result of informal action by the local Authority under the Public Health or Housing Acts..... 66

C. Action Under Statutory Powers.

(a) Public Health Acts.

Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :

- (i) by owners 1
- (ii) by local Authority in default of owners..... Nil

(b) Housing Act, 1936.

Number of houses made fit after service of formal notices (Sections 9, 10, 11 and 16)

- (i) by owners..... 4
- (ii) by local Authority in default of owners..... Nil

D. Demolition and Closing Orders.

(a) Housing Act, 1936.

	<u>No. of</u>	<u>No. of</u>
	Houses.	Persons Displaced.
(i) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure.....	Nil	-

(ii) Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners.....	13	45
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(iii) Parts of buildings closed.	3	8
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(b) Housing Act, 1949.

Closing Orders made under Section 3 (1).....	Nil	-
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<u>No. of Houses.</u>	<u>No. of Persons Displaced.</u>
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(c) Social Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953

Closing Orders made under Section 10 (1)

9	29
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New Houses:

	<u>By Local Authority.</u>	<u>By Private Enterprise.</u>
Number of permanent houses completed during the year.	116	50
Number of houses in course of erection at the end of the year... ...	138	25
Total Number of Post-war Houses completed.	571	173

Occupied Houses:

Total Number of Occupied Houses in District	3,862
Number of Council Houses Occupied	807

Housing Applications:

Number of applicants for Council houses at end of year.	550
Number of applications received during the year...	234

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

Dairies (other than Dairy Farms) and Distributors:

	No. on Register	No. of Inspect- ions	No. of Contraventions		
			Found	Remedied	Outstanding on 31st. December.
Dairies	6	17	3	3	Nil
Distributors only	1	2	-	-	Nil

(c) Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised & Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949:

Licences Issued:

Dealers' Licences:	Pasteurised Milk	... ...	5
	Sterilised Milk	... ...	1
Supplementary Licences:	... ...	...	Nil

Milk Supply (Continued):

(d) Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:

Licences Issued:

Dealers' Licences: ...	... . . . .	4
Supplementary Licences: ...	... . . . .	1

Ice Cream.

Number of Premises Registered:

(a) Manufacture and Retail ...	... . . . .	Nil
(b) Manufacture only ...	... . . . .	Nil
(c) Retail only ... . . . .	... . . . .	43

Number of Samples Taken: 6.	Results: Grade I	6
	Grade II	Nil
	Grade III	Nil
	Grade IV	Nil

At thirty-eight of the forty-three retail premises, only pre-packed Ice Cream is sold.

Meat and Other Foods.

Number of Slaughterhouses in Area ...	... . . . .	1
Number of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected ..	... . . . .	11,235
Number of Inspections of Meat at time of Slaughter..		560
Number of Knackers Yards in Area ... . . . .	... . . . .	1
Number of Visits to Knackers Yards. ... . . . .	... . . . .	5

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number Killed and Inspected	1,284	201	330	5,743	3,677	11,235
All Diseases except Tuberculosis						Wt. in lbs.
Whole Carcasses con- demned	7	6	31	55	16	13,409
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	240	54	5	41	60	8,141
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	19.2%	29.9%	10.9%	1.7%	2.1%	21,550
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases con- demned	7	6	-	-	5	10,230
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	134	39	1	-	80	
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	10.9%	22.3%	0.3%	-	2.3%	
				Total Weight in lbs. -		38,299

Carcases Inspected and Condemned (Continued):

17 Tons. 1 Cwt. 107 lbs. of Meat was condemned during the year, compared with 27 tons. 16 cwts. 72 lbs. last year.

The Council's Slaughterhouse continued in use as the Regional Slaughterhouse until decontrol by the Ministry of Food on 4th July, 1954.

One application for a licence to use old Registered premises as a Slaughterhouse was not granted by the Council, and the butcher's application to the Court was refused by the Magistrates.

Inspection of Food Premises.

	<u>No. of Visits.</u>
Meat shops, meat stores, etc.,	26
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale.	280

The following foods were condemned and voluntarily surrendered during the year :-

8 lbs. of cooked meat. 82 lbs. of cheese. 140 lbs. of fish.
30 lbs. of sausages. 66 lbs. of imported ham.
1 barrel of grapes. 36 meat pies, and 1,291 tins and jars of various foods.

Food Poisoning.

No cases of Food Poisoning have been notified during the year 1954.

We have the honour to be,
Yours obedient servants,

J. YOUNG
Medical Officer of Health.

H. BUXTON
Chief Sanitary Inspector.

